

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY POLICIES AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ronald M. Winterton

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides that a local education agency is not required to enforce a requirement in a public health order for individuals to wear a face mask on school grounds.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that a local education agency is not required to enforce a requirement in a public health order for individuals to wear a face mask on school grounds; and
- ▶ defines terms.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53G-9-210, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53G-9-210** is enacted to read:

53G-9-210. Mask requirement during COVID-19 emergency.

(1) As used in this section:



28 (a) "COVID-19 emergency" means the same as that term is defined in [53G-6-502](#).

29 (b) "Face mask" means the same as that term is defined in a public health order that
30 requires individuals to wear a face mask on school grounds.

31 (c) "Public health emergency" means the same as that term is defined in Section
32 [53-2c-102](#).

33 (d) "Public health order" means an order issued in response to a public health
34 emergency that is:

35 (i) an executive order that the governor issues:

36 (A) declaring a state of emergency under Section [53-2a-206](#); or

37 (B) under a state of emergency declared under Section [53-2a-206](#);

38 (ii) an order that the Department of Health issues; or

39 (iii) an order that a local health department issues.

40 (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Utah law, an LEA is not required to
41 enforce a requirement in a public health order issued in response to the COVID-19 emergency
42 for individuals to wear a face mask on school grounds.